

Transvaal's Reply

Is Characterized as a Positive Insult.

Friday's Cabinet Meeting the Turning Point.

Expectation Is That an Ultimatum to the Transvaal Will Be Decided Upon.

Significant Bustle in the British War Office.

Boers Only Want Half a Day's Notice to Fight—Preparations for the Defense of Johannesburg.

London, Sept. 6.—This morning's news sheds no new light on the Transvaal crisis. The signs which the English are accustomed to see just previous to a war continue, and from these any number of sensational deductions may be drawn. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, remains at the colonial office, and the other cabinet ministers are either here or on their way to this city. General opinion tends to the belief that the cabinet council will result in

AN ULTIMATUM. followed by an immediate back-down on the part of the Boers, or the commencement of hostilities by Great Britain. This feeling, however, is founded on the trend of recent negotiations, and it is often forgotten that in these, Mr. Chamberlain had practically a free hand, and not hindered by the cautious conservatism which undoubtedly will characterize the deliberations of the full cabinet council.

PRESS OPINION. The Pall Mall Gazette says: "It is feared that during the past 24 hours, the probability of war has become appreciably greater."

Advices from various sources indicate that the acute tension in all parts of South Africa continues. But unless the Boers take the initiative, which at present is impossible, it is pretty certain that the

ISSUE OF PEACE OR WAR lies solely in the result of Friday's cabinet council, hence public attention is centered more upon the signs of the times as exhibited at the army stations and dockyards than in South Africa itself, chiefly owing to the uneasy feeling that the Boers might end the diplomatic tangle by raiding Natal.

It is reported this afternoon that Mr. Chamberlain has sent a reply through Sir Alfred Milner to the Transvaal Government's latest proposition. The latter is generally understood to be a withdrawal of the former concessions and a tentative agreement for a further conference.

It seems impossible that Mr. Chamberlain has done this, as he probably would have awaited the cabinet's decision before taking such action.

ONLY WANT HALF A DAY'S NOTICE.

The second edition of the Times, issued this morning, publishes a dispatch from Newcastle, Natal, which says that during yesterday's debate in the Raad, regarding the proximity of British troops to the Transvaal territory, Herr Delarey, a member of the raad, said: "The Boers only require half a day's notice to fight."

Transvaal's Reply.

SIGNIFICANT DOCUMENT.

London, Sept. 7.—Mr. Chamberlain remained at the foreign office till shortly before midnight. He declined to make a statement regarding the Transvaal situation, but expressed a desire to see a copy of the following transcript of the Transvaal Government's reply issued by the Transvaal agent at Brussels tonight, which was furnished to him by the Associated Press:

"In reply to the dispatch of the British Government, the Transvaal Government on Saturday handed to the British agent in Pretoria a response, of which the following is the report: The Government of the South African Republic regrets that Great Britain is of the opinion that it is unable to accept the proposals made by the Transvaal in the dispatches of Aug. 29 and Aug. 31, by which the term for enabling the franchise was fixed at five years and representation of the Witwatersrand district was increased. The government regrets this inasmuch as it considered itself able to deduce from the negotiations previous to its former proposals that the latter would be accepted by the British government. In these conditions the Transvaal considers its proposals as annulled, and finds it necessary to submit them to the Volksraad and the people. It remains of the opinion that its proposals are extremely liberal and more extensive than those presented by the British high commissioner at Bloemfontein. It is also of the opinion that the conditions attached to these proposals are reasonable.

HOPES FOR A GOOD UNDERSTANDING.

"The Transvaal never desired Great Britain to abandon any rights possessed by virtue of the London convention of 1854, or by virtue of international law. The Transvaal still hopes that this declaration will lead to a good understanding and a solution of the existing difficulties.

"With regard to the question of suzerainty, the Transvaal government refers to the dispatch of April 16, 1895,

and considers it unnecessary to repeat that dispatch."

The reply then proceeds to say: "The Transvaal government has already made known to the British agent its objections to accepting the proposals contained in the British high commissioner's telegram of Aug. 22, suggesting appointment of delegates to draw up a report on the last electoral law voted by the Volksraad."

"ONE-SIDED."

"If the one-sided examination referred to in the last British dispatch should show that the existing electoral law can be made more efficacious, the Transvaal government is ready to make a proposal to the Volksraad with this object. It is also disposed to furnish all the information, and to enlighten the possible, but is of opinion that the result of such an inquiry, as far as regards a useful appreciation of the law, will be of little value. Nevertheless the government is very desirous of satisfying Great Britain in the matter of the electoral law and the representation of the mining districts."

JOINT INQUIRY.

The reply then refers to Mr. Chamberlain's proposal respecting a joint inquiry, and says: "Considering that by these proposals Great Britain does not aim at any interference in the affairs of the Transvaal, and that the action would not be regarded as a precedent, but has solely for its object to ascertain whether the franchise law fulfills its purpose. The Transvaal government will await the ulterior proposals of Great Britain as to the eventual constitution of such commission, as well as the place and time of the meeting."

A FRESH REPLY.

The Transvaal government further proposes, at an early date, to send a fresh reply to the letter of July 27, and expresses satisfaction that Great Britain has declared a readiness to negotiate on the question of a court of arbitration. It says it would like to learn, however, whether the Free State burghers would be admitted to such a court, and what would be the scope of such court's decisions, it appearing to the Transvaal Government that the restrictions imposed will prevent the attainment of the objects aimed at. With regard to the ulterior conference, the Transvaal awaits the communication of Great Britain.

The Brussels agent of the Transvaal claims that in making its recent proposals, the Transvaal Government has acted on the advice of the British agent in Pretoria, Mr. Conyngham Greene.

A POSITIVE INSULT.

London, Sept. 7.—The Standard, referring to the abstract of the reply of the Transvaal Government to Mr. Chamberlain, as given out by the Transvaal agent, in Brussels, says: "The dispatch is a positive insult to the British Government. Clearly, we are within measurable distance of an ultimatum."

KRUGER COUNSELED.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says that three days ago, Hon. J. P. Hohnkneyer, Afrikaner leader in Cape Colony, telegraphed President Kruger, warning him that unless he complied with certain specified conditions, war would be inevitable. Kruger replied, promising compliance. President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, is also urging President Kruger, according to the Daily Mail correspondent, to come to terms with Great Britain.

COLONIAL OFFICE BUSY.

London, Sept. 7.—The colonial office officials were busy until after 3 o'clock this morning. Dispatches have been passing by special messenger between the Queen and Lord Salisbury for the last few days.

There is a persistent rumor that in the event of war, Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, adjutant-general to the forces, will have full command. Gen. Sir Redvers Buller having the field command, with Col. Lord Paul Sanford Meath as chief of staff.

The Times advises the government to convene parliament immediately, if necessary, to vote the needed supplies, adding that "a further loss of time may be dangerous and humiliating."

DEFENSE OF JOHANNESBURG.

A relief committee has been formed at Durban for the purpose of caring for refugees from the Transvaal.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Frederick Walker, who relieves Gen. Sir Francis Buller as commander of the British forces in South Africa, was met by cheering thousands and given a splendid reception at Cape Town.

At a meeting of the Johannesburg war commission a complete scheme was drafted, it is said, for protecting and provisioning the town in the event of hostilities.

CUTE BUT CROOKED.

Ex-Princess Chimay, Nee Ward, Boats a Paris Money Lender.

New York, Sept. 7.—A Paris cable to the Journal follows:

Ex-Princess Chimay, formerly Clara Ward, has just won the applause of the French Jew-haters. It has come to light that she has beaten a Jewish money lender of Paris, by name Schneider, out of \$50,000. The money was advanced to the princess when she was advertised as about to pose at the Folies Bergeres. With it she furnished luxuriously a house at Passy and paid an enormous bill at the Hotel Terminus, whose manager refused to surrender her multitudinous trunks until the bill was paid. The unfortunate money lender has made many futile trips to the ex-princess's lawyer.

LOST AN ARM.

St. Marys, Sept. 7.—An accident occurred last evening in the J. D. Moore company's planing mill by which the 12-year-old son of Mr. Robert Moore, of Church street, lost his right arm. In ascending the stairway leading to

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BRIEF CABLE DISPATCHES

Disaster to Soldiers and Workmen at Berber.

Twenty-Four Men Killed by the Collapse of a Viaduct.

False Dispatches Regarding the Alaska Boundary Question Denied—Sailing of the Oceanic.

London, Sept. 7.—Mr. George Asquith, junior counsel for Great Britain in the Venezuelan boundary dispute, has concluded his argument.

The Standard makes an editorial protest this morning against insinuations from America that Great Britain has rejected "Canadian dictation" and abandoned the Canadian claims in the Alaskan affair.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Cairo says advices have been received from Berber on the Nile, near the confluence of the Atbara, that a train returning from Wady Halfa, with soldiers and workmen from the Atbara district, fell into a ravine, owing to the collapse of a viaduct, 24 being killed and 3 others injured.

The distress in the Province of Besenobel, Russia, in consequence of the failure of the harvest, is very great. Farmers are unable to feed their horses, and are giving them away for a few coppers, or allowing them to die. The Red Cross Society is endeavoring to help the starving people, but through lack of funds, is unable to accomplish but little.

The British postal report shows a profit of £2,500,000 for the year ending March 31. The weight of the letters and post cards dispatched to Canada and Newfoundland shows an increase of 5,900 pounds. In circulars, books, packets, patterns and newspapers, there was an increase in weight of 24,500 pounds. From Canada and Newfoundland to Great Britain the increase in weight in both letters and parcels reached 23,300 pounds. The increase in imperial penny postage will not be known until the end of December.

The profits of the British North America for the half year have been announced as £28,587.

During August the emigrants to Canada numbered 2,365 English, 137 Irish and 275 Scotch.

At Liverpool a crowd assembled at the landing stage and yesterday to witness the departure of the White Star company's new steamer Oceanic bound for Great Britain. The ship, owned by the state of the tide the Oceanic was unable to reach the pier and the passengers were transferred by tender. The ship was crowded with boats, which heartily cheered the departing steamer.

The officials of the foreign office say they have not officially acquiesced in any modus vivendi in the matter of the Alaskan boundary dispute, and no recent negotiations have been under consideration here. The British charge d'affaires at Washington, has carried out a discussion with Colonel John Hay, United States secretary of state, with a view to a further consideration of the Canadian and British views; but nothing binding on either side could result from these negotiations.

TRANSFER OF LONDON SOLDIERS

To the New Company at Quebec—Regimental Headquarters Now at London.

While No. 1 Company of the R. R. C. I. was at Quebec, thirteen men from the London company were transferred to the newly-organized company at Quebec. The Royal Regiment now consists of five companies: No. 1, at London; No. 2, at Toronto; No. 3, at St. John; No. 4, at Fredericton; and No. 5, at Quebec. The establishment of the regiment will remain the same, 495 officers, non-commissioned officers and men, and No. 5 Company will be recruited from the four old companies.

Capt. Fages, who is now taking a course of instruction in England, and Lieut. Laybourn, both formerly attached to the Wolseley Barracks company, are among the officers who are slated to form the staff of the new company at Quebec. Drill-Sergeant Cooper and Sergeant Davies, also of No. 1 Company, London, have likewise been transferred to Quebec. Sergeant Cooper will report at Quebec at the termination of the autumn militia instruction camp of the 12th brigade, which begins at Sussex, N. B., on Sept. 12. The brigade at Sussex will be in command of Lieut.-Col. Buchanan, of London, who the other day succeeded Lieut.-Col. Otter in command of the R. R. C. I. Two non-commissioned officers of the London company will also go to the Sussex camp. They are Sergeant Orderly Room Clerk Hendrie, and Drill-Sergeant Price. The latter, who was sent to St. John some time ago, has been transferred back to No. 1 Company here. Capt. Carpenter, formerly adjutant at London, will be brigade major at the Sussex camp.

The books and papers of the regimental headquarters of the R. R. C. I. at London yesterday, as a result of the shifting of headquarters to this city. Lieut.-Col. Buchanan's appointment as commanding officer of the company has not yet been gazetted, but it is understood he will assume command upon his return from the Sussex camp.

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"JAEY" BUTTS SENT FOR TRIAL

Police Court End of a Street Fight.

Peter Molnes Threw a Stone at a Street Car—Sentence Suspended.

Peter Molnes was charged at the police court this morning with having thrown a stone at a street car on Oxford street.

Austin Addison, conductor on the car, saw Molnes standing on the sidewalk and heard a stone strike the car just as it passed him. He did not see Molnes throw the stone, but saw him shaking his fist at the car.

To Mr. Love witness said their were no passengers in the car.

Archibald McNeil, who was on the car, training for a conductor, saw Molnes throw the stone and heard it strike the car. He could not say whether Molnes was sober or not.

No defense was offered, as the prosecution agreed that Molnes should be let off on suspended sentence. The magistrate found the prisoner guilty, and suspended sentence.

"Jaey" Butts was charged with assaulting and wounding Willis A. Morley in a row at the corner of Simcoe and Maitland streets.

The complainant said he made some remarks in fun to Butts, and the latter got angry. He (Morley) walked away when somebody called to him to come back. On returning, he was struck on the head by somebody and knocked down. Butts then kicked him several times in the face and about the head, inflicting a number of cuts and bruises. Complainant did not deny that he was under the influence of liquor, but denied ever having threatened to "put Butts out of business." He did not even remember striking Butts, but might have done so.

To the magistrate Morley said he could not be positive as to how the row started.

Mr. Love, counsel for Butts—Did you get a revolver after the fight, Mr. Morley, and run up and down the street threatening to kill Butts?

Morley—No, sir; I did not.

Mr. Love—Did you have a razor in your hand?

Morley (indignantly)—No, sir, I never had a weapon of any kind, I never carried one in my life.

Butts was sent for trial. Bail was fixed in two securities of \$100 each.

Morley appeared in court with his head bound up. Only a little bit of his face could be seen. His jaw and nose were cut, and his head is a mass of lumps and bruises. Dr. Macklin says it will be considerable time before he will be able to resume work.

John McLane was charged with non-support by his wife. Adjudged for a week.

John Doo, an 18-year-old youth, was charged with insanity. He was remanded.

A drunk was remanded for a week.

CLERGYMAN'S GOOD-WILL.

Rev. F. Elliott, of Richmond Hill, recommends Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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Obituary.

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After an illness of nearly three years' duration, of which the closing year was marked by extreme suffering, endured with exemplary patience, Mrs. McDONAGH, wife of Rev. Wm. McDONAGH, formerly of this city, passed away yesterday morning at their residence, Stratford.

Two years ago Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McDONAGH removed to Stratford from their last charge at Kingsville. Mrs. McDONAGH was the daughter of the late Calvin Worster Miller, of Ernestown, in the county of Lennox. Her surviving children are John A. McDONAGH, Toronto; Mrs. W. S. Dingman, Stratford; and Wm. C. W. McDONAGH, Toronto.

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